

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A tablet comprising an active ingredient and a cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative, wherein 70% by mass or more of the components in the tablet is cyclodextrin or the cyclodextrin derivative.

Claim 2 (original): The tablet according to Claim 1, further comprising a lubricant.

Claim 3 (original): The tablet according to Claim 2, wherein the lubricant is present only on the surface of the tablet.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The tablet according to claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the tablet is produced by tableting using a punch and/or a die on which a lubricant has been applied.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The tablet according to claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, further comprising a saccharide.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The tablet according to Claim 5, wherein the saccharide comprises at least one ~~is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a sugar alcohol and an oligosaccharide.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The tablet according to claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~, further comprising at least one ~~one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a sweetener, an acid, a binder, an antioxidant, a coloring agent, a flavor, a diluent, a fluidizing agent and a disintegrant.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The tablet according to claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the active ingredient comprises at least one ~~is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a vitamin, a carotenoid, a mineral, an amino acid, an amino acid derivative, an active pharmaceutical ingredient, a plant extract and a health food material.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The tablet according to claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the cyclodextrin is α -cyclodextrin, β -cyclodextrin, maltosyl- β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The tablet according to claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 9~~, which is an intraorally rapid disintegration tablet.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The tablet according to claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 10~~, which disintegrates in the oral cavity in 40 seconds or less.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The tablet according to claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 11~~, which has a tablet hardness ranging from 25 to 200 N.

Claim 13 (original): A method for manufacturing a tablet comprising an active ingredient and a cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative, comprising the steps of: mixing constituent components of the tablet which comprises as constituent components an active ingredient and a cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative and in which the cyclodextrin or the cyclodextrin derivative amounts to 70% by mass or more of the total constituent components; and subsequently tableting the resultant mixture.

Claim 14 (original): The method for manufacturing according to Claim 13, wherein the tablet further comprises a lubricant.

Claim 15 (original): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to Claim 14, wherein that the mixture does not contain a lubricant and the process further comprises the step of allowing the lubricant to be present only on the surface of the tablet.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, ~~any one of Claims 13 to 15~~, wherein the tableting is carried out using a punch and/or a die on which a lubricant has been applied.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, ~~any one of Claims 13 to 16~~, wherein the mixture further comprises a saccharide.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the saccharide comprises at least one ~~is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a sugar alcohol and an oligosaccharide.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, ~~any one of Claims 13 to 18~~, wherein the mixture further comprises at least one ~~one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a sweetener, an acid, a binder, an antioxidant, a coloring agent, a flavor, a diluent, a fluidizing agent and a disintegrant.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, ~~any one of Claims 13 to 19~~, wherein the active ingredient comprises at least one ~~is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a vitamin, a carotenoid, a mineral, an amino acid, an amino acid derivative, an active pharmaceutical ingredient, a plant extract and a health food material.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, ~~any one of Claims 13 to 20~~, wherein the cyclodextrin is α -cyclodextrin, β -cyclodextrin, maltosyl- β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, ~~any one of Claims 13 to 21~~, wherein the tablet is an intraorally rapid disintegration tablet.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, ~~any one of Claims 13 to 22~~, wherein the tablet disintegrates in the oral cavity in 40 seconds or less.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, ~~any one of Claims 13 to 23~~, wherein the tablet has a tablet hardness ranging from 25 to 200 N.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet comprising an active ingredient and a cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative comprising ~~characterized by~~ setting the content of the cyclodextrin or the cyclodextrin derivative to 65% by mass or more of the total constituent components of the tablet.

Claim 26 (original): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to Claim 25, wherein the tablet further comprises a lubricant as a constituent component.

Claim 27 (original): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to Claim 26, which comprises allowing the lubricant to be present only on the surface of the tablet.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, ~~any one of Claims 25 to 27~~, wherein the tablet is produced by carrying out tableting using a punch and/or a die on which a lubricant has been applied.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, ~~any one of Claims 25 to 28~~, wherein a saccharide is further comprised as a constituent component of the tablet.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to Claim 29, wherein the saccharide comprises at least one ~~is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a sugar alcohol and an oligosaccharide.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, ~~any one of Claims 25 to 30~~, wherein the tablet further comprises at least one ~~as a constituent component one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a sweetener, an acid, a binder, an antioxidant, a coloring agent, a flavor, a diluent, a fluidizing agent and a disintegrant.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, ~~any one of Claims 25 to 31~~, wherein the active ingredient comprises at least one ~~is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of~~ a vitamin, a carotenoid, a mineral, an amino acid, an amino acid derivative, an active pharmaceutical ingredient, a plant extract and a health food material.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, ~~any one of Claims 25 to 32~~, wherein the cyclodextrin is α -cyclodextrin, β -cyclodextrin, maltosyl- β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, ~~any one of Claims 25 to 33~~, wherein the tablet is an intraorally rapid disintegration tablet.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, ~~any one of Claims 25 to 34~~, wherein the tablet has tablet hardness ranging from 25 to 200 N.